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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a first Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, the shortened due date for responding to which is set to expire on Monday, March 17, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please replace pending Claims 1 and 3 with the following replacement claims.

1. (Amended) A prosthetic mesh system adapted for implantation in a body, comprising a biocompatible mesh layer, said mesh layer being flexible such that said mesh layer has a generally flat shape when it is in a first condition and a generally collapsed shape when it is in a second condition, said mesh layer having at least one

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